

BOOK REVIEW

JEREMY D. GARRETT. CORAL MCCALLISTER (Illustrator). 2003. **Landscaping for Wildlife: A Guide to the Southern Great Plains.** (ISBN: 0806134895, pbk.). University of Oklahoma Press, 4100 28th Ave., Norman, OK 73069-8218, U.S.A. (Orders: www.oupres.com, 800-627-7377, 800-735-0476 [orders only], 405-364-5798 fax). \$28.00, 209 pp., b/w and color illustrations, 8 1/2" × 11".

From *Landscaping for Wildlife*.—"People want to attract wildlife to their yards for a variety of reasons, but probably foremost among these is that birds and other animals bring us pleasure. The exuberant songs of cardinals and mockingbirds, the playful antics of young squirrels at feeders, and the sight of colorful butterflies dancing above wildflower patches provide us with both daily and lasting joy."

Through careful landscaping, you can make your property a year-round waystation for a wide variety of animal species, from birds, butterflies, and squirrels to bats, turtles, and opossums. Garrett explains how specific plants draw animals to your property by providing food and shelter sources.

To assist readers in designing their own "wildscape," detailed diagrams and plant listings accompany photographs of several Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation-certified wildscaped properties. The detailed diagrams will help you inventory and wildscape your own property. A woodworking chapter is complete with patterns of nesting and feeding stations designed for individual wildlife species. Each section includes tables that list the common name and the scientific name of the plant or wildlife species. The tables discuss how the plants are used or what animal uses them and the relationship between flora and fauna is defined.

The detailed diagrams are especially useful in visualizing what a particular wildscaped plot will look like. Each includes a color photograph, a bird's-eye or plan view and an interpretive sketch on which the plants are identified. The bird's-eye view could be used as a guide for planting. The eleven case studies cover six kinds of settings: sunny, shady, and moist wildscapes, wildflower meadows, and butterfly and rock gardens. All of the case studies illustrate multi-layering and provision of cover.

Water sources rate their own chapter and cover several types. Three types of ponds, a re-circulating stream, and a side yard marsh are illustrated through the use of case studies. Common aquatic and wetland plants are discussed, as well as wetland-related wildlife species.

The appendices provide a design checklist and a monthly activities calendar. Sources for seeds and plants are listed, and there is a bibliography of field guides and references. Internet sites and related organizations and agencies are listed.

Landscaping for Wildlife provides beginners and experts alike with specific, detailed; yet easy-to-follow instructions for meeting water needs, feeding preferences, and nesting requirements of the wildlife found in the southern Great Plains. Although written specifically for the southern Great Plains the concept is one that could be used anywhere with appropriate substitutions for locality. Written by Jeremy D. Garrett in association with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and complemented by Coral McCallister's elegant and charming illustrations of wildlife as well as of various habitats and wildscapes.

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation manages Oklahoma's wildlife resources and habitat to provide scientific, educational, aesthetic, economic, and recreational benefits for present and future generations of hunters, anglers, and others who appreciate wildlife. Jeremy D. Garrett is president of NaTour Communications, a nature-consulting firm. Coral McCallister is a biological illustrator for the Department of Zoology at the University of Oklahoma.—Gary Jennings, *Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, TX, 76102-4060, U.S.A.*